

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Season of Easter 9:00 am Happy Easter!!! April 5, 2026

* *All who are able please stand* L: Leader; P: People
Prelude Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O give thanks to the Holy One, for God is good; God's love abides, endures, and prevails forever!

P: Alleluia! The resurrection life comes to us. Christ is risen!

L: In distress, I call. In grief, I cry. In despair, I come. The Holy One answers. The Holy One comforts. The Holy One comes.

P: Alleluia! The resurrection life comes to us. Christ is risen!

L: God, my refuge and confidence, surrounds me with strength and victory! Exalt God's holy name!

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*HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" R130/Projected

*INVOCATION

ALL: Holy One, just as they came to the tomb to honor you on that early Easter morning, we gather to praise you this day. May our alleluias resound in adoration and shared joy that you are risen, and we share in the promise of new life. May we encounter your glory in this assembled community as we follow you from the empty tomb into the possibilities that await. Amen.

*RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Alleluia" by Jerry Sinclair
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Jeremiah 31:1-6

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Easter morning takes us by surprise, awakening us to the doubt and despair that have been rooted in our lives. Let us now confess to God.

*CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: Holy Love, in every ending, there is a beginning. In the same way, beginnings signal an end. May the promise of new life enable us to end the things that do not serve us, to end the attitudes that do not honor you,

and to end the ways in which we are complacent and complicit in the world. Empower us to leave those things in the tomb and follow your trail. Jesus, you have demonstrated the path of your kingdom, keep us on the road of abundant and transformed life as revived and encouraged participants in your resurrected and glorified body. Grant us grace when the realities of life overwhelm, threaten to consume us, and mire us in the past. For the newness of life, we pray. Have mercy on us, Holy One. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Beloved, Jesus is risen; your sins are forgiven. The Holy One is yet alive, and therefore, doing a new thing. Receive the grace of God that requires no resurrection to rise to meet us in our weakness. Embrace the grace of God to move forward boldly in new life. Hold fast to the grace of God to guide you in living the resurrected life.

P: All things are made new. Doubt no more; Christ is with us always. Alleluia! Amen.

(Let us bless one another with the peace of Christ)

WITNESS OF FAITH: Colossians 3:1-4

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:1-18

A TIME OF LEARNING: Easter for Kids

Projected

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Christ is Risen! Sing Alleluia!"

the Senior Choir

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed (old language) Projected

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel God's mighty power and God's Grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN: "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

R133/Projected

MEDITATION: "My God and Your God"

Rev. Mundell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: Alexander Carmichael said, “The people say that the sun dances on this day in joy for a risen Saviour.” Whether clouds obscure the view, the sun takes the gifts it has been given to glorify God. Let us also take the gifts we have been given and use them to bring glory to the Holy One through the generosity of the resurrected life that proclaims that nothing is impossible for God.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ALL: Holy Love, receive these gifts as seeds given in thanksgiving for your generosity. Let us rejoice in giving just as the sun dances in its power. Help us to nourish these offerings to meet the needs of our community and to witness to your goodness. We dedicate them to the flourishing of your kingdom. Amen.

***HYMN: “Let Us Break Bread Together” vs. 1&2**

R210/Projected

LITANY OF HOLY COMMUNION

Insert/Projected

***BENEDICTION: “Go Now In Peace”**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

***Postlude**



OUR SAVIOUR'S
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online.

Join us for worship on Sunday at 9:00 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 10:50 am on WRPN, AM station 1600. If there is a problem with the broadcast, please let the Church Office know on Monday morning.

All worship services are livestreamed on our Social Media Platforms and are available to watch at your convenience. If you are viewing from one of our Social Media Platforms, please make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you are worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please let the Church Office know.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open, or you can use the mail slot in the North Narthex if the building doors are all locked.

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**Danielle Baker and Nancy Roehl Apr 9, Dolores Luker, Betty Nitz, and Clifford Nitz Apr 11,
Ken Fisher and Kelsey Laabs Apr 13, Steve Meyer Apr 14**

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Wednesday:	In-Person: 13	Livestream: 125	Total: 138
Thursday:	In-Person: 6	Livestream: 140	Total: 146
Sunday :	In-Person: 61	Livestream: 212	Total: 273

General Fund: \$1,702.50 OCWM: \$95.00 Capital Improvements: \$118.50

Thank you so much for your continued support of in-person, mailed in, and online contributions.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAMS

7 am - A/V: Keith Mulder/Phil Wepner **Liturgist:** Rick Stracy **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

9 am - A/V: Kelly Mundell/Judy Lueck **Liturgist:** Jamie Prellwitz **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

EASTER RADIO SPONSORSHIP

Our Easter radio broadcast is given Anonymously in Honor of Families.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Breakfast will be served for members and visitors today in Fellowship Hall between our two Easter worship services. On the menu are scrambled eggs, ham and bacon, breakfast potatoes, pancakes, egg bake, sweets, juice, coffee and milk. Sounds pretty good!

Don't make breakfast at home- enjoy it here with us!

LENTEN INITIATIVE

Wow. Just, Wow! We have not only reached our goal, but we have also exceeded it by quite a large amount! You have donated \$3,301 for the Ripon Food for Thought Program, thank you so much for your generous support!

We contacted the program coordinator, and she is beyond amazed and very grateful. She shared that there are more children in the program now and food costs have also risen, so we'll go ahead and turn over the entire amount for them to use right away.

CHOIR FUND MEMORIAL

We have received a generous donation to our Choir Fund in Loving Memory of Fred Lehman, given by Ellen and Larry McNally. Thank you!

WCUCC ANNUAL MEETING

This year's WCUCC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 10th and Saturday, April 11th at the Green Lake Conference Center. We have an opening for one more delegate to the conference and the agenda for both days is online now at <https://wcucc.org/annual-meeting/agenda/> OSUCC will pay for the conference registration and food ticket, just send an email to our church office and we'll set that up for you.

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

The first batch of the printed directory is ready for pickup if you had RSVP'd for a copy. There is a new RSVP sheet in the East Narthex, and we'll be printing more in the next week.

If you are having trouble signing into the app or website, please let the church office know so we can check your email and answer any other questions you may have. Thank you!

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY



Are you in need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff, 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: *Sharri Dailey, Nancy Henning, Tara Koller, Emily McGuire, Ron Prellwitz, Mark Sabel, and 17 Unspoken.*

MISSIONS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We provide donations to both the Ripon Area Food Pantry and the Ripon Community Food Pantry. The items you donate are divided between the two.



Suggested items for April are: Canned tuna, chicken, salmon; peanut butter; oatmeal; rice; pasta; pasta sauces; single serve cereals, apple sauce, canned fruits; dried fruits; instant potatoes; protein bars; crackers; canned stew, beans, chili, chicken, tuna, Manwich style sauces; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; shelf-stable milk; flour; white sugar; condiments; salad dressings; cooking oil; pancake syrup; brownie and cake mix; biscuit mix.

Thank you for your support of our local area food pantries!

RADIO BROADCAST MINISTRY SURVEY

There is still time to fill out a survey and drop it into one of the collection baskets. Your input is important to us! If you aren't present at church but want to have one done for you, please call the church office and we'll be happy to fill one out for you.

EASTER FLOWERS

Don't forget to pick up your Easter flowers if you ordered some! Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Apr. 2	9:00 am - MBS Clinic with Nurse Emily 6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday - Living Last Supper - Grace Lutheran
Fri.	Apr. 3	6:30 pm - Good Friday Ecumenical Service - Immanuel UMC, Livestream: https://youtube.com/live/7VwSes4FcFo?feature=share
Sun.	Apr. 5	7:00 am - Sunrise Easter Worship Service with Communion 7:45 am - Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:00 am - Late Easter Worship Service with Communion 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed
Mon.	Apr. 6	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Apr. 7	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Our Saviour's UCC 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Leader Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Apr. 9	9:00 am - MBS Clinic with Nurse Emily 9:30 am - Called to Care Committee Meeting 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel 6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
Sun.	Apr. 12	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed
Mon.	Apr. 13	6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Apr. 14	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Grace Lutheran 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Apr. 19	10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting
Mon.	Apr. 20	4:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm - Christian Education Committee Meeting 6:30 pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting
Tues.	Apr. 21	5:30 pm - Missions Committee Meeting

Spring Flowers for Easter 2026

In Honor of

Children and Grandchildren

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Lyndon & Dolores Luker

In Memory of

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